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FOLLOWING REPEAT LIBREVILLE 1328 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO
ABIDJAN, BONN, BRUSSELS, DAKAR, KINSHASA, LOME, LUBUMBASHI,
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QUOTE S E C R E T LIBREVILLE 1328

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SUBJ: SHABA AFRICAN FORCE

REF: A) STATE 139907 B) LIBREVILLE 2044

1) DCM MET WITH BONGO'S ADC LT. COL NGARI 0800 THIS MORNING AND WENT
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OVER INFO CONTAINED REFTTEL A. NGARI DID NOT ADD SIGNIFICANTLY TO
WHAT HE HAD SAID LAST NIGHT EXCEPT TO REMARK HE HAD UNDERSTOOD
FRENCH WOULD TRANSPORT GABONESE. HE INQUIRED WHETHER
GOG WOULD NEED PROVIDE WRITTEN REQUEST FOR USG TRANSPORT OR WHETHER
IT COULD BE DONE ORALLY. DCM REPLIED HE THOUGH ORAL REQUEST WOULD
BE SUFFICIENT BUT THAT THERE MUST BE A REQUEST. NGARI WANTED TO
KNOW HOW MUCH LEAD TIME WE WOULD NEED GET AIRCRAFT TO GABON.

DCM STATED HE COULD NOT SPEAK AUTHORITATIVELY BUT SURMISED THAT ABOUT TWELVE HOURS WOULD BE MINIMUM. NGARI REPEATED THAT NO GABONESE WOULD MOVE BEFORE MONDAY OR TUESDAY AND PROMISED TO GET BACK IN TOUCH AFTER MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BONGO.

2) COMMENT: WE HAVE NOT HEARD FROM FRENCH AMBASSADOR WHETHER HE HAS CARRIED OUT HIS INSTRUCTION TO TELL GOG TO GET IN TOUCH WITH US RE TRANSPORT, AND MAY NOT IMMEDIATELY, SINCE HE TIED UP WITH VISITING MINISTER OF UNIVERSITIES. IN ANY CASE, WE PROPOSE TAKE NO FURTHER INITIATIVE UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE BY DEPT PENDING RECEIPT OF GABONESE REQUIREST FOR TRANSPORT. GABONESE MAY STILL BE ATTEMPTING SORT OUT THEIR DEGREE OF PARTICIPATION.TIENKEN

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